



Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Rocky Fork State Park – Park Manager 1
Division of Tennessee State Parks, Bureau of Parks and Conservation
Annual Salary Range: \$38,076 - \$60,924

About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

The department is responsible for:

- Safeguarding the health and safety of Tennessee citizens from environmental hazards;
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water, and
- Managing the system of 56 Tennessee State Parks and 85 Natural Areas

TDEC has approximately 2,900 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from dedicated fees and state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund. The department is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water pollution, water supply, and groundwater pollution. TDEC has eight (8) regional offices across the state serving as the primary point of contact for their respective regions.

Summary & Distinguishing Features

The Rocky Fork State Park Manager is an Executive Service position and part of the Department's Park and Conservation Management team. The Rocky Fork State Park Manager reports to the East Tennessee Park Area Manager. The most important duty of this position is to ensure that the mission of Tennessee State Parks is achieved and implemented, while managing the day-to-day operations and staff at Rocky Fork.

Duties and Essential Functions

The Rocky Fork State Park Manager's primary responsibilities include:

- Oversight of 2036 acres adjacent to the Cherokee National Forest. Currently, the new park contains some hiking trails with more trails planned. The roads are currently under construction and a park visitor and campground are planned for the future.
- Administration of an annual operating budget of \$213,400.
- Manages approximately 1 full-time staff person and possibly 1 part-time person, and reviews personnel actions; holds regular meetings with park staff for effective communication of objectives and management strategies.
- Participate in community outreach programs and partner with local businesses and area officials to promote the park and impact economic development.
- Participate in the implementation and coordination of policies and methods for park operations. Study, review, and enforce state policies and guidelines at the park level. Makes recommendations/decisions on services to enhance economy and to improve the quality of operations and guest services.

- Responsible for establishing, reviewing and following the parks Management Directive Statement, Business & Management Plan, Interpretive Action Plan, Safety and Security/Emergency Management Plan, Park Facilities Management Plan and Standard Operating Procedures.
- In coordination with the East TN Regional Maintenance Office, provides oversight and facility maintenance for the all of the park's facilities.
- Work closely with the local volunteers to develop a Friends group who will support the park through fundraising and interpretive activities.
- Assist the park staff with interpretive programming goals, marketing and promotional activities and facilities/maintenance management. Establish performance measures for operations and programs that allow for effective measures of accountability, and provide for evaluation of quality and feasibility of operations and programs.

Competencies

- Proven leadership skills – able to influence and motivate others to achieve quality results in an effective and efficient manner; success leading high performance teams. Competent at formulating long-range and strategic plans
- Effective oral and written communications skills; ability to present complex topics effectively in a concise manner.
- Strong interpersonal skills dealing with people at various levels within the organization, as well as external stakeholders, including state, local and federal government officials – as well as private entities, conservation organizations, corporate sponsors, and general public.
- Able to resolve problems with effective solutions.
- High energy capacity, adaptability and resilience.
- Candidates for this position should have a strong interest in natural history.

Qualifications

Qualified candidates should possess a Bachelor's degree preferably in Natural Resource – Based Management (Natural Resources, Forestry, Wildlife Biology, etc.), Park and Recreation Management or related field and have 5+ years' natural resource and/or parks and recreation professional experience. Basic qualifications also include continued education and certifications in Resource Management, Parks and Recreation Management and Leadership Development. It is desired that the candidate be a state commissioned officer recognized by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, or is willing to become commissioned.

All interested candidates should submit via email, TDEC.Careers@tn.gov, a resume and cover letter to Beth Smith, TDEC Director of Talent Management by March 27, 2015.

Beth Smith, Director of Talent Management

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